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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING; ATLANTIC
RELATIONS

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1. IN DECEMBER 19 NAC DISCUSSIONS ON MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP,
SYG URGED THAT DRAFTING WORK ON ATLANTIC DECLARATION BE RESUMED
EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. LUNS CITED THE NEW FRENCH VERSIONS OF PARA-
GRAPHS 3 AND 4, CIRCULATED ON DECEMBER 8, AND NOTED THAT
MINISTERS HAD GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING TO
TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE DECLARATION.

2. MCAULIFFE (US) RECALLED THAT ON DECEMBER 5 THE U.S. HAD
SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS TO PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF THE FRENCH
DRAFT. THE U.S. WAS GRATIFIED BY THE REACTION TO ITS
PROPOSALS AND LOOKED FORWARD TO INSTRUCTED COMMENTS WHEN NAC
NEXT DISCUSSES THE DECLARATION. US REP THANKED FRENCH PERMREP
FOR SUBMISSION ON DECEMBER 8 OF REVISED PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 AND
NOTED THAT ANY EXPLANATION FRENCH MIGHT WISH TO MAKE OF THEIR
REVISIONS WOULD BE USEFUL TO USG.

3. DE ROSE (FRANCE) REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY
TO OFFER NAC AN EXPLANATION OF FRENCH REVISIONS SINCE THERE
HAD BEEN NO OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO SINCE REVISIONS WERE CIR-
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CULATED ON DECEMBER 8. DE ROSE PROMISED FULL EXPLANATION AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

4. SYG SUGGESTED THAT NEXT FULL DISCUSSION ON DRAFT DECLARA-

TION BE HELD AT FIRST COUNCIL SESSION IN NEW YEAR. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AGREED TO COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF DECLARATION AT FIRST 1974 SESSION. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS MIGHT WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTERVENING PERIOD TO "COORDINATE" THEIR POSITIONS.

5. SVART (DENMARK) ASKED THAT THE NATO/IS DRAW UP A COMPOSITE COPY OF THE DECLARATION AS IT NOW STANDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF THE "IMPORTANT" AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. LUNS AGREED THAT IS WOULD PREPARE SUCH A COMPENDIUM. PRENDERGAST

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